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Biggert Announces Congressional Arts Winners

Waubonsie Valley, Naperville Central Students To Be Honored Friday

Clarendon Hills, Illinois – U.S. Representative Judy Biggert (R-IL13) today announced the selection of three works of art from 13th Congressional District high school students as the winning entries in the Congressional Arts Competition.

Biggert will honor the three students on Friday, May 11 at 4:30 p.m. at the Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery at Moraine Valley Community College, 10900 S. 88th Street in Palos Hills, where all entries are currently displayed.

“I am very proud of all three of these students, and of everyone who participated in the Congressional Arts Competition,” said Biggert. “This gives us a great opportunity to showcase Illinois talents in the Halls of Congress.”

First place will be awarded to Craig Wojtak of Naperville, a senior at Waubonsie Valley High School, for his work entitled “CHAOS 2.” His painting will be displayed in a corridor of the U.S. Capitol that is dedicated to the artistic talents of today’s youth. He also will travel to Washington, DC, in June for the opening of the exhibit.

Second place will be awarded to Katie Loughman of Naperville, also a senior at Waubonsie Valley High School, for her piece, entitled “CALIVARIS CAT.” Her work will be displayed in Biggert’s Washington office. Third place will be awarded to Amy Schmuckal of Naperville, a senior at Naperville Central, for her work “Reading.” This will be displayed at Biggert’s Clarendon Hills office. Schmuckal also was honored last year.

The winning entries were evaluated by an independent panel of three artists assembled by Biggert. The panel included: Anne Farley Gaines, whose works are hanging in public and private collections across the country; Erik La Gattuta, Professor of Drawing and Painting at the Moraine Valley Community College; and Maria DeCaprio-Sunta, who is a current member of the Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery Advisory Board and the Moraine Valley Foundation.

The Congressional Arts Competition is a nationwide art competition that invites Members of Congress to showcase the artistic talents of high school students in their respective Districts. Since it was first launched in 1982, the nationwide competition has

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